विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया): (क) ऐसा कोई मामला सरकार की जानकारी में नहीं लाया गया है।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

भारतीय तीर्थ यात्रियों को कैलाश पर्वत पर जाने के लिए चीन द्वारा अनुमति दिया जाना

3845. श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन की सरकार भारतीय तीर्थ यात्रियों को कैलाश पर्वत और मानसरोवर जाने की अनुमति नहीं देती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस मामले को चीन की सरकार के समक्ष उठायेगी ताकि भारतीय तीर्थ यात्रियों को कैलाश पर्वत और मानसरोवर जाने की अनुमति मिल सके;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया): (क) जी, नहीं। सरकार द्वारा आयोजित कैलाश मानसरोवर यात्रा निर्विघ्न रूप से चल रही है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Clarifications on joint Statment of Rao Clinton Talks

3846. SHRI G. V. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news captioned "US sending conflicting signals on Kashmir" appeared in the Observer of Business and Politics, New Delhi, dated 3rd August 1994;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein as ascertained from the Indian Embassy in Washington;

(c) what steps are being taken by the embassy and its Lobbyist firm to clarify India's stand in the context of the joint statement issued after the Rao-Clintron talks in Washington in May, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US position on Jammuy & Kashmir is that they regard the former princely state of Jammu & Kashmir as disputed territory. They support direct bilateral negotiations between Indian and Pakistan, as envisaged in the Simla Agreement. The US also believes that, as a practical matter, any lasting solution would need to take into account the wishes of all the people of Jammu & Kashmir. At the same time, the United States opposes terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir. As also any support to terrorism from across an international border.

(c) The Indian Embassy in Washington and the Firm engaged by Government to supplement its publicity efforts are involved in the ongoing exercise of informing and educating US public opinion on issues of interest and concern to India. These efforts seel to increase understand ing for India's point of view and to create conditions conducive to the new partnership called for by PM and President Clinton in the Joint Statement issued following their talks in Washington.

Anti-India campaign by Pakistan in England

3847. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the anti-India campaign being intensified by Pakistan in United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to react such moves of Islamabad by lodging strong protests with United Kingdom for allowing such campaigns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government are ware of the intensified anti India Campaign launched by Pakistan in the United Kingdom. This campaign conducted both directly by the Pakistan Government and through its front organisations, is designed to project a distorted picture both of the history of Jammu and Kashmir and its accession to India as well as the present situation in the State.